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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 22, 2000. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 20, 2001. Claims 1-3 are currently under examination. A one-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from April 20, 2001 to May 20, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3.

Please add new claims 28-33 as follows: